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ANNUAL REPORT

VILLAGE OF
MILTON, VERMONT

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YEAR 1948

BRING THIS REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

In Memoriam

GEORGE S. ALLEN

Born October 2, 1885

Died June 29, 1948

George was born and educated in the Town of Milton. He was associated all of his life with the processing of milk products. His father, Heman Allen, had a farm and also owned a creamery. Soon after the Cooperative Creamery was built, George left his farm and became associated with that creamery. As he was mechanically inclined, his work was largely along the lines of maintenance and building. When wells were found to furnish an insufficient supply of water, he was empowered to install a water system from Milton Pond, which under his supervision, he saw greatly enlarged and improved.

He was Village Trustee from 1926 through 1946 and gave unsparingly his time to the performance of the duties connected therewith.

He disliked waste which prompted him to be the prime mover in establishing an efficient fire department in the Village to save our buildings. The fire house and equipment, under his guidance were always kept at the peak of perfection.

He was an ingenious fellow of which the manner of harvesting and storing ice for the creamery is a good example. All, his handiwork.

As is well known, the fire company, of which he was Chief from its inception, was his pride and joy. When possible, he never failed to answer the call. It was on such a call that his life span ended. He would have preferred it that way. He was that kind of man.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ending December 31, 1948

During the year the department answered 46 Alarms; 17 calls in Village limits, 24 outside (Town calls) and 5 out of town; Fairfax, Colchester, Georgia. For the out of Town calls we were reimbursed in the amount of \$257.00: of this amount we received from Fairfax, \$172.00; Colchester, \$60.00; Georgia, \$25.00. We were also called to St. Albans by their Fire Department to assist them to fight the Hotel Fire, where several lives were lost.

Sixteen firemen took complete schooling in fire fighting during the summer under the direction of a Certified instructor, Ass't. Fire Chief, Donald Kelly of Burlington, and each fireman that completed this schooling is to receive a diploma, issued by the State.

It was during this schooling period, that our very efficient and First Fire Chief, Geo. S. Allen dropped dead while fighting the fire at the United Church. We all feel his loss very deeply.

As you all know, our fire alarm sounding system was greatly improved this summer, by installing an additional sounding system at the Public Electric Light Plant, and their employees at the plant are giving us very efficient service, and we extend our thanks to the P. E. L. Co. and their employees, and you also know we have a private telephone line for calling the department; the No. is 4171. This is strictly a private line for calling the department in case of fire, and I cannot impress on you too much, not to call this number to ask where a fire is, as this only hinders the department in their work of locating and getting to a fire with least possible delay.

Our equipment is in good condition, altho we will soon require a new set of tires, as the tires now on the pumper are the original tires and are about eleven years old. We will also be obliged to purchase a few lengths of new hose, 2½ and 1½ sizes.

We have recently purchased a new Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher known as CO 2, which is very effective in fighting Class B-C and D fires, Flammable liquids, Electrical equipment, Gasoline and kerosene fires.

As many people complain they are unable to hear the fire alarm down street and on the plains, especially in winter, the department recommends that an additional siren be purchased and placed at some convenient place, down street. We have roof of Branch's store in mind, and we have their permission to do so. This siren would be somewhat smaller than the one on the fire station; this would greatly improve this condition. We would appreciate the opinion of the voters on this.

JOHN A. JACOBS,
Chief, Village Fire Dep't.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

TRUSTEES:

Guy L. Holden (Old Order)	\$ 15.00	
Guy L. Holden, Chairman	25.00	
K. G. Miner, Salary	15.00	
R. C. Rugg, "	10.00	
		\$ 65.00

GENERAL EXPENSE:

R. A. Coburn, Bond	\$ 10.00	
Franklin Co. Bank, interest	30.25	
" " " old note	1500.00	
" " " borrowed	1000.00	
Wilson Press, reports	30.00	
Postage	2.50	
Public Electric Light Co.	736.79	
		\$ 3309.54

SIDEWALKS:

K. G. Miner, sanding	\$ 20.50
E. W. Miller Store, sanding	18.00
Jos. Connors, shoveling snow	10.50
Merwin Fuller, plowing	177.50
Jos. Connors, trucking	12.50
Public Light, cinders	27.50
R. C. Rugg, walk River Street	2030.25

\$ 2296.75

MISCELLANEOUS FIRE EXPENSE:

Motor Vehicle Dept., license	\$ 10.00
E. L. Bevins, gas, etc.	50.31
Socony Vacuum Co., oil	175.91
Milton Water Corp., hydrant rent	210.00
Blanchard Associates, supplies	13.97
Telephone rent	82.28
Kenneth Wagner, supplies, trucks	24.92
Kenneth Wagner, Ins. and Compensation	168.17
Kenneth Wagner, Insurance	37.80
Am. LaFrance Co., supplies	70.90
Public Light Co., labor etc.	15.14
Wilson Press, alarm cards	10.50
J. A. Jacobs, postage	3.00
Geo. S. Allen, Tel. and Exp.	3.33
Fire Alarm Box	45.00
Jos. Connors, labor	6.00
E. L. Phillips, firemen mittens	12.24
E. W. Miller Store, supplies	2.80
Milton Co-op. Dairy, battery	24.19

\$ 966.46

FIREMEN:

Including some outstanding 1947 orders.

George S. Allen, Chief	\$ 64.00
J. A. Jacobs, Asst. Chief and Chief	103.00
D. Lafayette, Capt.	55.00
Howard Johnson	63.00
Kenneth Wagner	47.00
Paul Wagner	75.00
K. G. Miner	56.00
Kenneth Keith	53.75
George Davis	1.00
R. C. Rugg	35.00
Fred C. Sweeney	13.00
Geo. D. Sweeney	7.00
Chas. Cramton	6.00
Arthur Mayville	48.00
Keith Lombard	39.00
Tracy Ryan	30.00
Lynford Pelkey	47.00
Robert Everest	3.00
Lyman Gifford	3.00
Ornel Mayo	21.00
Reid Brigham	1.00
Jos. Connors	41.00
Ned King	19.00
Duane Ryan	8.00
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	\$ 838.75
Total orders	<hr/> \$ 7476.50

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand last report	\$ 764.74	
Colchester fire	60.00	
Smith fire	25.00	
Blake fire	35.00	
Fairfax fire	137.00	
Auto fire	10.00	
Town of Milton	500.00	
Kenneth Wagner, rebate comp. ins.	47.80	
Net Tax	3334.74	
Delinquent Taxes	63.49	
Borrowed (now paid)	1000.00	
Borrowed (outstanding)	2500.00	
On hand		\$ 1001.27
Paid Trustees' Orders		7476.50
	<u>\$ 8477.77</u>	<u>\$ 8477.77</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the books of the several Village Officers and find them correct.

Borrowed money unpaid at Franklin Co.

Sav. Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 2500.00
Cash on hand	1001.27

Grand List 1947, \$10,164.13

Grand List 1948, \$10,236.20

Outstan'g orders: No. 74, \$16.00; No. 78, \$2.00; No. 81, \$13.00

Delinquent taxes, \$42.58 of which \$21.89 is for 1948

COMPARISON

	This year	Last year	Budget
Trustees (One old order)	\$ 65.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
General expense (Excluding borrowed)	809.54	890.65	900.00
Misc. Fire Exp.	966.46	686.16	950.00
Firemen	838.75	326.75	600.00
Walks	<u>2296.75</u>	<u>2074.42</u>	<u>3000.00</u>
			\$ 5450.00
From Town			500.00
To be raised by tax			<u>\$ 4950.00</u>

This would require a 50c. tax to raise and we
so recommend.

LAWRENCE W. BARRETT,
ELLA M. RYAN,
MILDRED A. MAYVILLE,
Auditors.

WARNING FOR ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The legal voters of the Village of Milton are hereby warned to meet in the Milton High School on the 8th day of March, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator.
2. To elect a Clerk.
3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Village Officers.
4. To elect a Trustee for a term of three years.
5. To elect a Treasurer.
6. To elect an Auditor for the term of three years.
7. To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes.
8. To vote a tax on the Grand List of said Village for expenses for the ensuing year.
9. To see if the Village will authorize its Trustees to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
10. To see if the Village will vote to pay its taxes to its Treasurer with four per cent discount if paid by July 10, 1949.
11. To see if the Village will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of ten years the Kienle Co., if they build a plant here, such exemption to start upon completion of said plant.
12. To take any action thought neccessary regarding building more sidewalks and provide for same.
13. To see if the Village will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time for the ensuing year.
14. To do any other business that may be legal when met.

Milton, Vermont, Feb. 24, 1949.

H. L. POWELL, Clerk.



Annual Report

Village of

Milton, Vermont

Year 1949

Bring this Report to Annual Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

VILLAGE OF MILTON YEAR 1949

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ending December 31, 1949

During the year the Department answered 42 alarms; 18 were in the Village limits and 24 were outside (Town calls). This includes 2 out of town; Fairfax and Colchester. The Village was reimbursed for these calls.

The fire of the Pelco and Hewey woods was rather of an expensive fire. Eighteen hours were required in fighting this fire which is good proof that forest fires are expensive and should be guarded against as much as possible.

While the fighting equipment is in good shape, we were obliged to purchase a new set of tires for the fire truck as the tires were twelve years old and were dangerous; the new tires cost \$208.00. We purchased two hundred feet of new 1½ inch hose at a cost of \$200.00; also new repair parts for the truck pump costing \$139.72. These articles were absolutely necessary to keep the equipment in proper condition. It is quite possible we will be obliged to purchase a few lengths of 2½ inch hose during the coming summer.

If you have a chimney that is loaded with soot and is liable to catch afire due to this condition, the Department has a powder dry chemical that will clear this condition and eliminate some of your fire hazard. If interested contact me.

I would like to caution you that these are some of the things that can cause your house to burn down:

Defective or overheated chimney flues;
 Sparks on flammable roofs;
 Defective or overheated equipment;
 Improperly handled rubbish and stored articles;
 Combustibles placed too close to heaters;
 Hot ashes and coals improperly contained;
 Children playing with matches;
 Improperly installed and maintained electrical equipment;
 Careless handling of gas and kerosene stoves.
 These are only a few of many. Guard against them all.

JOHN A. JACOBS,

Chief, Village Fire Department.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

TRUSTEES:

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| K. G. Miner .....                      | \$ 25.00 |
| GENERAL EXPENSE:                       |          |
| Postage, reports .....                 | \$ 5.00  |
| Wilson Press, printing reports .....   | 40.00    |
| R. A. Coburn, bond .....               | 10.00    |
| Wilson Press, cards .....              | 9.25     |
| Franklin Co. Bank, borrowed .....      | 2,500.00 |
| Franklin Co. Bank, borrowed .....      | 3,000.00 |
| Franklin Co. Bank, interest .....      | 51.00    |
| Public E. Light Co. ....               | 883.87   |
| Roscoe Printing House, tax cards ..... | 9.25     |
|                                        | 6,508.37 |

SIDEWALKS:

|                                     |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Merwin Fuller, snow plowing .....   | 267.50   |          |
| Ralph Bushey, labor .....           | 9.50     |          |
| Town of Milton, sand and salt ..... | 35.00    |          |
| K. G. Miner, sanding .....          | 26.00    |          |
| Town trucks .....                   | 100.00   |          |
| R. C. Rugg, repairing walks .....   | 209.51   |          |
| R. C. Rugg, new walks .....         | 2,266.60 |          |
|                                     | <hr/>    | 2,914.11 |

FIREMEN:

|                           |       |        |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| Fred Sweeney .....        | 27.00 |        |
| Ornel Mayo .....          | 50.00 |        |
| Keith Lombard .....       | 63.00 |        |
| J. A. Jacobs, chief ..... | 83.00 |        |
| D. D. Lafayette .....     | 60.00 |        |
| J. Kenneth Wagner .....   | 57.00 |        |
| Paul Wagner .....         | 78.00 |        |
| K. G. Miner .....         | 50.00 |        |
| Kenneth Keith .....       | 24.00 |        |
| Duane Ryan .....          | 41.00 |        |
| Tracy Ryan .....          | 65.00 |        |
| Ned King .....            | 37.00 |        |
| Lynford Pelkey .....      | 59.00 |        |
| George Sweeney .....      | 7.00  |        |
| Howard Johnson .....      | 47.00 |        |
| Jos. Connors .....        | 51.00 |        |
| Arthur Mayville .....     | 35.00 |        |
| R. C. Rugg .....          | 19.00 |        |
| Frederick Paradee .....   | 3.00  |        |
|                           | <hr/> | 856.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS FIRE EXPENSE:

|                                              |        |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| E. W. Miller Store, supplies .....           | 26.25  |              |
| E. L. Bevins, gas, etc. ....                 | 24.27  |              |
| E. L. Bevins, new tires and tubes .....      | 208.56 |              |
| K. L. Mayville, gas .....                    | 7.50   |              |
| Rex Hewey, gas .....                         | 3.35   |              |
| W. E. Sanderson, gas .....                   | 1.90   |              |
| Russell Sweeney, fuel oil .....              | 87.33  |              |
| Socony Vacuum Co., fuel oil .....            | 93.92  |              |
| Milton Water Corp., rent .....               | 240.00 |              |
| Bi-Lateral Hose Co., supplies .....          | 200.00 |              |
| American La France, supplies .....           | 27.09  |              |
| David G. Dean, supplies .....                | 3.95   |              |
| Blanchard Associates, supplies .....         | 2.90   |              |
| Burlington Fire Department, supplies .....   | 4.00   |              |
| Strong Hardware Co., paint .....             | 4.20   |              |
| Motor Vehicle Department, registration ..... | 10.00  |              |
| K. G. Miner, labor .....                     | 77.60  |              |
| Kenneth Wagner, labor .....                  | 8.00   |              |
| Kenneth Wagner, insurance .....              | 11.25  |              |
| Kenneth Wagner, insurance .....              | 35.70  |              |
| Kenneth Wagner, Compensation ins. ....       | 153.02 |              |
| Telephone .....                              | 147.60 |              |
| Jos. Connors, labor .....                    | 10.00  |              |
| Peter Pirsch & Sons Co., supplies .....      | 139.72 |              |
| Express .....                                | 2.36   |              |
|                                              |        | 1,530.47     |
| Total orders .....                           |        | \$ 11,833.95 |



## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                                                    |              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| On hand last report .....                                          | \$ 1,001.27  |             |
| Fairfax fire .....                                                 | 73.00        |             |
| Fire Camp Kinya .....                                              | 30.00        |             |
| Net tax .....                                                      | 4,895.76     |             |
| Borrowed money (now paid) .....                                    | 3,000.00     |             |
| Borrowed money (still owing) .....                                 | 2,500.00     |             |
| Town of Milton, appropriation .....                                | 500.00       |             |
| Delinquent taxes .....                                             | 7.35         |             |
| Kenneth Wagner, dividend and return<br>premium, Compensation ..... | 50.50        |             |
| Paid Trustees' orders .....                                        |              | 11,833.95   |
| On hand .....                                                      |              | 223.93      |
|                                                                    | <hr/>        |             |
|                                                                    | \$ 12,057.88 | \$12,057.88 |

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the books of the several Village Officers and find them correct.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Borrowed money for walks at Franklin Co. Bank ....    | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Cash on hand .....                                    | 223.93      |
| Grand List, 1948      \$10,236.20                     |             |
| Grand List, 1949      \$10,997.50                     |             |
| Outstanding orders: No. 95, \$11.00; No. 113, \$15.08 |             |

### Comparison

|                               | This year | Last year | Next year        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| Trustees .....                | \$ 25.00  | \$ 65.00  | \$ 75.00         |
| General expense .....         | 1,008.37  | 809.54    | 950.00           |
| (Excluding borrowed)          |           |           |                  |
| Miscellaneous fire .....      | 1,530.47  | 966.46    | 1,300.00         |
| Firemen .....                 | 856.00    | 838.75    | 850.00           |
| Walks .....                   | 2,914.11  | 2,296.75  | 2,800.00         |
|                               |           |           | <hr/> \$5,975.00 |
| Less town appropriation ..... |           |           | 500.00           |
|                               |           |           | <hr/> \$5,475.00 |

In the above, it might be noted this year's report does not include pay of two trustees and are reflected in budget. Extra expense for Miscellaneous fire were new tires and tubes for truck and \$200.00 for hose. We are told more hose is needed. Budget for walks include paying \$2,500.00 borrowed this year plus \$300.00 plowing, sanding and repairs. It might also be noted some outstanding orders as of last report came in and increased amount of pay shown for some firemen.

The above budget would require a tax of 60c and we so recommend. This should allow the Trustees to end their year with slightly more cash on hand.

ELLA M. RYAN,  
MILDRED A. MAYVILLE,  
LAWRENCE W. BARRETT,  
Auditors.









## WARNING FOR ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

The legal voters of the Village of Milton are hereby warned to meet at the Milton High School, on the 14th day of March, 1950, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator.
2. To elect a Clerk.
3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Village Officers.
4. To elect a Trustee for a term of three years.
5. To elect a Treasurer.
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12. To see if the Village will vote to adopt Daylight Saving Time for the ensuing year.
13. To see if the Village will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility and advisability of purchasing the water system belonging to Milton Water Corp.
14. To do any other business that may be legal when met.

Milton, Vt., Mar. 1st, 1949.

H. L. POWELL, Clerk.





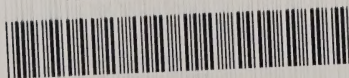






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